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to the trade for not attending to our advertisements in this paper and telling you what bargains we are selling despite the advance in goods and keeping you posted on prices generally, but our immense stock and manner of doing business has so increased our trade that we have not had the time to write advertisements, but remember that we are strictly up-to-date and keep the latest styles. Prices are sure to be Rock Bottom. (Closing out sales cut no figure with us.) All prices guaranteed.

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H. L. West, the talented correspondent of the Washington, D. C. Post, thus writes, under date of Friday last, from Defiance, Ohio:
John R. McLean today followed in the footsteps of Richard Croker. Like New York, the delegation from Ohio to the next Democratic National Convention will be for Bryan. If ever any question existed as to McLean's loyalty to Bryan, or if there has been a suspicion that Presidential ambitions stirred his soul, he has removed both uncertainty and suspicion. Standing with his hand upon Bryan's shoulder upon the platform at Greenville this morning, he introduced the Nebraska as the certain nominee of the Democratic party next year. More than this, he has deliberately taken occasion to repeat his declaration at Celina, St. Mary's, Van Wert, Paulding and Defiance, the towns and cities visited by the Bryan-McLean combination today. He has called Bryan "the next President of the United States," while Bryan has reciprocated by designating McLean as the next Governor of Ohio. In the few brief sentences with which he has introduced Bryan to the assembled Democrats, McLean has, in fact, emphatically removed himself from the list of Bryan's possible rivals, and has unhesitatingly predicted the "peerless leader's" unanimous nomination and triumphant election. With his unquestioned control of the State machine, no one can doubt McLean's ability to deliver the Ohio delegation, and thus make good his prophecy. The chief development of today, therefore, has been that so far as McLean is concerned, Bryan is without a rival.

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STAFFORD.

Accidents—Prospecting for Gold Farmers—Busy—Personal.

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Woodside, Va., Oct. 21, '99
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Master Gwynn Garrison, the bright little son of Samuel Garrison, is convalescing from a severe attack of fever. He lay unconscious for several days, but he has faithfully attended by Dr. Stone.
Willie Newman Mountjoy, a promising young man of this place, who has been at Fredericksburg, La., learning telegraphy, passed the examination in Richmond successfully. He has been appointed night operator at Rutherford, on the R. F. & P. R. R.

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